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CRITICAL INTELLIGENCE PROBLEMS COMMITTEE

(Effective 24 February 1952)

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 102, the National Security Act of 1947, and Executive Order 12333, there is established a Critical Intelligence Problems Committee.

1. Mission

The mission of the Critical Intelligence Problems Committee (CIPC) is to examine those critical intelligence problems that are referred to the Committee by the Director of Central Intelligence or the Deputy Director of Central Intelligence, and to recommend specific remedies, including the restructuring of collection, processing, and production efforts within existing resources, or through new initiatives requiring reprogramming or supplemental funding actions.

2. Functions

Under the general guidance of the Deputy Director of Central Intelligence, the Committee will conduct timely, in-depth examinations of specific critical intelligence problems to identify:

- a. the specific intelligence requirements and shortfalls associated with the critical intelligence problem under review;
- b. current and programmed collection, processing, and production resources directed against the critical intelligence problem;
- c. options for adjustments in collection, processing, and production efforts which could be accomplished within existing resources, and the associated impact such adjustments would have on the Intelligence Community's ability to respond to other priority intelligence needs; and
- d. recommendations for new initiatives which could increase collection, processing, and production efforts against the critical intelligence problem, noting which options would require reprogramming or supplemental funding actions.

3. Responsibilities of the Intelligence Community

Upon request of the Committee Chairman, Intelligence Community components shall, within established security safeguards, provide information or materials pertinent to the Committee's mission and functions.

Intelligence Community components will identify critical intelligence problems for consideration by the DCI or DDCI and possible referral to the Critical Intelligence Problems Committee.

4. Composition and Organization

The Committee Chairman will be appointed by the Director of Central Intelligence.

The Committee shall be comprised of representatives designated by Intelligence Community principals on a study-by-study basis to ensure that the required Community expertise is available on a given problem. On completion of an assigned study, Intelligence Community representatives to the CIPC will be released.

With the approval of the DCI, the Committee Chairman may invite representatives of other U.S. Government entities with national security interests to participate as appropriate.

The Committee will be supported by an Executive Secretariat.

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Critical Intelligence Problems Committee

MISSION AND FUNCTIONS

The Critical Intelligence Problems Committee (CIPC) is organized as a standing senior interagency committee for the purpose of focusing Intelligence Community attention and expertise on high-interest, cross-disciplinary intelligence problems. The Committee is supported by an Executive Secretariat and a small permanent staff provided by the Intelligence Community Staff.

Mission

The mission of the CIPC is to examine critical intelligence problems that are referred to the Committee by the DCI and DDCI and provide timely assessments and specific recommendations for improvements in the overall performance of NFIP systems, activities and programs, to include collection, processing, production, reporting, dissemination and analysis.

Functions

Under the general guidance of the DDCI and D/ICS, the Committee will conduct timely, in-depth examinations of specific critical intelligence problems to identify:

- the specific intelligence requirements and shortfalls associated with the critical intelligence problem under review;
- current and programmed resources directed against the critical intelligence problem;
- options for adjustments which could be accomplished within existing and/or programmed resources, and the associated impact such adjustments would have on the Intelligence Community's ability to respond to other priority intelligence needs; and
- recommendations for new initiatives which could increase Community efforts and resources against the critical intelligence problem, noting which options would require reprogramming or supplemental funding actions.

HOUSE PERMANENT SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

8 March 1983

Questions & Answers

Question Area: Organizational

Question 6: What is the CIPC?

Answer: A central feature of the IC Staff reorganization on 19 January 1983, was broadening and enhancing the Critical Intelligence Problems Committee's (CIPC) community role and responsibilities.

The CIPC is now organized as a standing senior interagency committee for the primary purpose of focusing the Intelligence Community's attention and expertise on high-interest, cross-disciplinary intelligence problems. The mission of the CIPC is to examine critical intelligence problems, as identified by the DCI and the Intelligence Community and provide timely assessments and specific recommendations for improvements in the overall performance of NFIP systems, activities and programs, to include collection, processing, production, reporting, dissemination, and analysis. To accomplish these tasks in a timely and efficient manner, senior committee membership is obviously required. The members are:

Mr. Charles A. Briggs, Executive Director, CIA

Mr. John T. Hughes, Deputy Director for Intelligence and External
Affairs, DIA

Mr. Robert E. Rich, Deputy Director, NSA

Ambassador Herman J. Cohen, Deputy Director, INR/State

RADM John L. Butts, Director, Naval Intelligence

Major General John B. Marks, Assistant Chief of Staff, Intelligence
United States Air Force

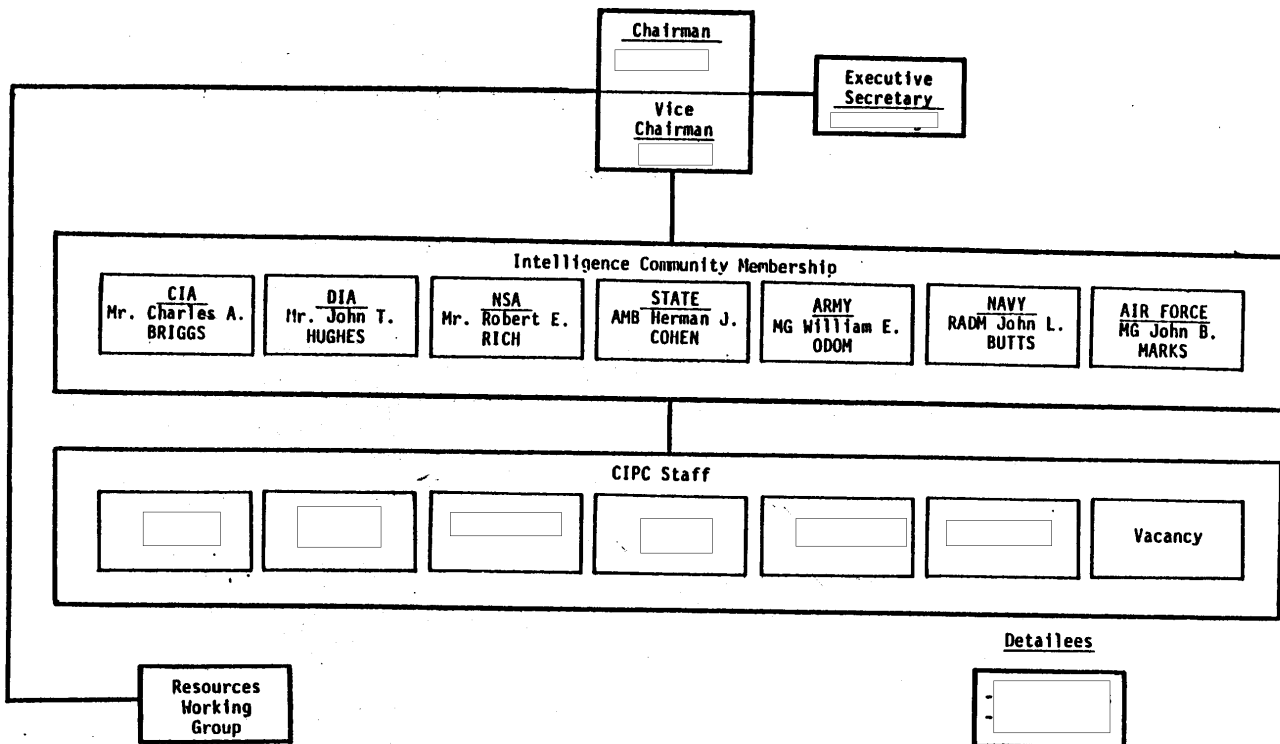
Major General William E. Odom, Assistant Chief of Staff, Intelligence

United States Army

Additionally, the Committee is chaired by a Senior ICS Officer and is supported by an Executive Secretariat and a small permanent staff also provided by the Intelligence Community Staff. The committee will meet formally on a monthly basis with an established agenda.

The Committee will operate under the general guidance of the DDCI and D/ICS and report to these principals on a regular basis.

**Critical Intelligence Problems Committee (CIPC)
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